and reasons stated by the concerned Public Sector Undertakings for non-payment ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Coal Sector

6472. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal mines in Meghalaya alongwith the production of coal during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of coal exported from the State during above period and the countries to whom it was exported;

(c) whether the Government propose to export coal to Bangladesh from the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Coal India Limited (CIL) does not have any working coal mine in Meghalaya. In the only CIL mine at Simsang (Opencast) in Meghalaya, incline drivage is in progress. Coal production in Meghalaya is in the unorganised sector. The estimated coal production in the unorganised sector in Meghalaya during the period from 1993-94 to 1995-96 is given below :

(In Lakh Tonnes)

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
25.40	32.70	32.50

(b) Coal produced in the unorganised sector in Meghalaya is being exported to Bangladesh. The estimated quantum of coal exported to Bangladesh from the unorganised sector of Meghalaya during the last three years is given below :-

(In Lakh Tonnes)

1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
5.20	8.60	2.19

(c) and (d) With effect from 1.4.1993, the earlier restriction of minimum export price on coal export has been removed and all coal, including coal exported from Meghalaya has become freely exportable without any restrictions. There is no proposal of the Union Ministry of Coal regarding export of coal to Bangladesh from Meghalaya

New Industrial Policy

6473. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to promote private investment (both domestic and foreign) in industries specifically in the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the detials thereof alongwith areas identified for investment ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Industrial development is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Ministry of Industry is also considering formulation of a new Industrial Policy specific to North Eastern Region to promote private investment.

Modernisation of Textile Mills

6474. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some textile mills in Gujarat are being modernised with the help of foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the names of these textile mills;

(c) the names of the countries and the financial institutions which provided funds for their modernisation; and

(d) the details of the funds made available by them during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (d) Ministry of Textiles is not aware of textile mills in Gujarat being modernised with foreign assistance.

[Translation]

Textile Industry

6475. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to chalk out any action plan for textile organisations and Export Promotion Councils to give impetus to weaving and processing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be finalized ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) A proposal is under formulation to facilitate modernisation, through technological upgradation, of the